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Anger at massacre site over SF visit

By Lesley-Anne Henry
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Unionists and republicans clashed in Co Down during a weekend event at the site of a 1970s IRA ambush.

A counter demonstration was held on Saturday to protest at an Ogra Shinn Fein visit to Narrow Water near Warrenpoint — where 18 soldiers were killed in a double bomb attack in August 1979.

Up to a dozen protesters, including Willie Frazer of Families Acting for Innocent Relatives (FAIR), and DUP MLA Jim Wells voiced their opposition to the event.

They branded the Ogra Shinn Fein trip an “insult to victims” and gathered at the scene with placards of Thomas ‘Slab’ Murphy, the ex- IRA chief-of-staff accused of masterminding the attack.

Mr Wells accused the group of participating in “gratuitously offensive behaviour.”

Mr Fraser said: “It was simply another move to glorify terrorism.”

Fra Cochrane, the chairperson of Ogra Shinn Fein in Newcastle, described the Narrow Water excursion as an “historical visit”.

“We want to discuss the conflict itself, and Narrow Water is one of the things which happened in south Down during the conflict,” he added.

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Tom your hypocrisy shows no bounds, you praise for Sinn Fein for going to a scene of a massacre and then you would be outraged if any member from the other side went to the scene of a republican death, you'd be appalled.
but some how i doubt the army would hold a tour of L'Derry where the bloody sunday deaths occurred, THEY WOULD SHOW MORE DECORUM

Posted by Neill C | 14.01.09, 10:57 GMT

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Yes Stephen or could you imagine the British Army coming over to Ireland the scene of all their atrocities!

Posted by Tom | 12.01.09, 12:37 GMT

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Well done Sinn Fein showing some leadership at last.

Posted by Tom | 12.01.09, 11:48 GMT

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Can you imagine the UDA conflict resolution group taking a trip to Milltown cemetry to see where one of its volunteers attacked an IRA funeral or Sean Grahams bookies on the Ormeau Rd, likewise the PUP visiting the bar in Loughinisland that the UVF attacked in 1994 - the outcry (rightly) would be massive. I'm just a fed up member of the Unionist community being told to move on, forgive & forget when obviously Sinn Fein are waving at us & giving us the fingers at the same time, it's obvious how they like to wallow in murder.

Posted by Stephen | 12.01.09, 11:22 GMT

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Let them wallow in their own hatred. God says in 2 Peter chapter 2 verse 22 A dog returns to it's own vomit. Peace? They don't know either the feeling nor the Person and have no fear of Him who is able to put their souls in Hell.

Posted by muriel | 12.01.09, 04:15 GMT

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